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SUBJECT: ODUBER COMMENTS ON TRADE ACT

1. PRESIDENT ODUBER, IN AN INTERVIEW IN LA NACION OF JANUARY 21, MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE U.S. TRADE ACT OF 1974:

2. "IT IS UNJUST, ESPECIALLY FOR VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR, COUNTRIES WHICH, WHEN THERE WAS A PETROLEUM CRISIS, HELPED THE U.S. TO SOLVE IT. WHAT THE U.S. HAS DONE WITH THE PROMULGATION OF THIS COMMERCIAL LAW DOES NOT APPEAR TO ME CORRECT, NOR ADEQUATE, NOR POLITIC. PRESIDENT FORD, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, AND THEIR ADVISORS, IN VERY GOOD FAITH, WANT TO PREVENT THE DISPOSITIONS OF THE LAW FROM EFFECTING COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND WANT THESE COUNTRIES TO BENEFIT."

3. IN RESPONE TO QUESTION WHY ADMINISTRATION APPROVED IT, "IN TWO WORDS, THE ADMINISTRATION HAD ANOTHER POLICY, BUT A MAJORITY OF THE CONGRESS OF THE U.S. HAD ANOTHER VIEWPOINT AND PUT INTO THE SAME SACK OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES OF THE AMERICAS AND OTHER OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES."

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